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Athletic Points Will Be Properly Accredited.

Pennsylvania's Relay Races Will Have More Entries Than Ever Before.

Standing of League Teams and Their Scores—Carroll's Circus. Gossip of the Players.

A rule introduced at last week's meeting of the Metropolitan Association of the Amateur Athletic Union is such a good one and seems to be just the one long needed that it will not doubt be adopted by the A. A. U. at its next meeting. For the general use of all its members, for protection of their respective clubs, to be applied upon the occasion of association as well as championship track and field meets. The new rule is as follows:

When a man enters from an athletic club and his college or school, the points are to be credited to the club only. If he desires to represent his college or school for the purpose of scoring points, his name shall only appear on the programme from his college or school.

The new rule will have good effect in more ways than one principally in that it will prevent disputes in the future between colleges and athletic clubs over the matter of points scored by an athlete, who, on the programme represented both his college or school and an athletic club. After this, under the second part of the rule, an athlete must decide before the line of athletes on the programme, to which of his two connections the points scored by him are to be credited. It will go a long way toward protecting athletic clubs, who, after going to the expense of preparing a member and sending him away to a meet, find, to their loss, that points scored by their representative have been credited by him to his college. Certainly it was not fair to the club.

Pennsylvania's Relay Race.

One of the greatest events in all the year in athletic circles are the relay races given under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania. This year they will be held on Franklin Field on April 29, and from present indications the number of contestants promises to be the largest ever entered in a similar event.

The entries will include representatives from all the big "varsities" and from many of the smaller, but not less formidable, and from scores of academies and schools. These two rivals in every line of athletics, Swarthmore and Haverford, come each year to this affair, and settle by means of the relay race some of their differences, and in similar manner other colleges find an outlet for strong feelings.

Georgetown will as usual be represented and will more than likely enter the championship quarter mile. The blue and gray will have a strong team, despite Weller's absence, and Mulligan the new sprinter of whom so much is thought and deservedly so, for he is a very clever performer, will endeavor to show his fitness to follow in the great record holder's footsteps.

Dick Grant of Harvard and his brother Alce of Pennsylvania will be on at the head of their respective teams and will battle the royal between the crimson and the red and blue.

Next Wednesday the university will hold its annual indoor games in the Academy of Music and this event is usual will be the event in Philadelphia's indoor season. In addition to the usual events there will be several more competitions, principal among these is the game of basketball, and the basketball team will bring together all the kickers, who

for once will have a chance to win a prize for kicking.

A special two-mile race has been arranged for the Grant brothers and it will undoubtedly be a sensational race. The last time they met was last month in New York in a five-mile race, which the Pennsy boy, Alce, won by a scant five feet, about one stride, in a magnificent finish. They will be here on March 11 to participate in the Georgetown indoor meet.

Basketball League Standing.

During the lull in the Basketball League series, caused by the occupancy of the Infantry Army by the cycle show, the several teams will, during this week, put in the time in hard practice preparing for a reopening of the series on March 8. At this stage of the game the Infantry stands a leader of the League with ten games won and none lost, and so far has played through three seasons without a defeat except at the hands of Yale. The Carrolls, next nearest, are fighting hard to keep in second place, with the Carrolls close up and the rest all cleverly bunched with the exception of the Mount Pleasant, who have been most unfortunate and have only one victory to their credit.

The following table compiled from the records of Scurry J. B. Baker, one of the general officials of the League has ever had, in addition to the standing of the teams, shows in the last two columns the number of points scored by each club and those made by their opponents in the games played up to and including that of Thursday evening last between the Carrolls and Mount Pleasant:

Team	Won	Lost	P. C.	pts.	Opp.
Infantry	10	0	1,000	125	47
Carrolls	9	1	966	74	45
Yale	8	2	555	67	53
Queens	4	4	560	53	77
Washington	3	3	428	50	57
Central	3	6	460	64	80
Mount Pleasant	1	8	233	45	96
	3	8	111	44	68

Burnett, of the Infantry, leads in number of field goals with 20. Shreve, of the same team, comes next with 24; Loftus, of the Queens, has a round dozen, and Dunn, of the Easterns, makes up the "Big Four," with 19 in each.

Columbia Athletic Club.

The bowling team of the Columbia Athletic Club is again, through the courtesy of the Y. M. C. A., bowling the games scheduled for it upon its old alleys, and the players' familiarity with the famous railroads is helping them to keep up their position in the League ranks. They are now in third place by a fair margin and are likely to finish there unless there is a great slump. Shift is again in shape and doing good, steady work at "anchor." Von Boeckman and Pitkin, too, are doing well, both playing consistently.

The next net scheduled for the C. A. C. is with Carroll Institute on March 8, and these games will be played on the Y. M. C. A. alleys. By the way, the League will more than likely be strengthened by the Y. M. C. A. team next season. The Association has a large number of bowlers from which to select a strong team, and the desire to enter League competition will no doubt be gratified.

The last "home" game scheduled for the C. A. C. is for March 22, with the Senglers, in the company with the Senglers, made a splendid showing in Baltimore on the 22d inst., against the Gentlemen's Driving Park team, the two teams winning eight out of the eleven games.

"Midge" Ross and Von Boeckman were among the stars who contributed to the success of last week's smoker at Mount Pleasant Athletic Club.

Carroll Institute Athletics.

What's the matter with the Carroll Institute basketball team? Is the query heard in League circles. What's become of all the dash and vim and team work which earlier in the season were the great features of the team's play? One of the enthusiasts claim that it is lack of practice; that it is hard to get the team together for the necessary preliminary work. If this is so the answer to the above query is easily found.

The team ranks third in League standing

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next game scheduled for the team is with the Carrolls. If the Carrolls expect to make a good showing against the Cadets they will have to ginger up a good deal. The game with the Mount Pleasant Athletic Club was not up to the standard.

The Cadets took a tumble last Wednesday when they dropped two games to the Senglers' crippled team. The team bowed two games below the 700 mark, and the third one, the same it was, only slightly above that figure. Everybody tumbled in the work. It was simply an off night, all around and for the Senglers, too.

The team still has a good lead with twenty-five games won and eight lost with a percentage of .757. The Senglers stand 667 with twenty-two games won and eleven lost. The race is very much more interesting than it is given credit for and the loss of a brace of games to the Washington Athletic Club tomorrow night would considerably affect the Carroll's standing.

Prof. Joyce is up to his shoulders in work preparing for the old-time one-ering circus the Institute proposes to hold in its hall on the last three days of Easter week. It will be a decided novelty, the first time such an event has been attempted here and will include all the features of the big affair which swelled forth in Gotham last year.

The tent will fill every inch of space in the big hall, it will have its centre pole, its pine seats and a clanging. The performers will include all the best local gymnasts as well as many from Philadelphia and New York, in the number being several professionals. As the professor is an old circus man he knows man by man, and he wants and the character of work required. There will be the usual necessities to make it a real circus, such as peanuts, red lemonade, side shows and fairs. Young ladies will assist in selling tickets for the circus and sideshow, and for the concert after the circus. For the concert the Institute minstrels will contribute the talent.

Henry Solon will be in charge of the sideshow and he promises some wonderful attractions and freaks. The circus and concert will be managed by Prof. Joyce, and W. E. Loyley will see to the music.

Mr. J. Quinn, a member of the Carroll Institute board of governors, is chairman of the committee having charge of the affair. Prof. Joyce will have as his assistants Messrs. Eckart, Wilson, Weld, Brick, Guista, McDonald, O'Donohue and Lunn.

Athletic Carrolls Cadets.

With only two of its regular team in the game with the Easterns last Tuesday evening the Carrolls Cadets won a very creditable victory.

This victory was a real surprise, for the team was not in the best of shape and the game was a very close one. The index finger moved rapidly from right to left, generally before the face, means "No more," or simply "No." To move the right hand palm outward from the body toward another person means "Just wait; I'll be even with you yet."

The index finger on the temple, moved with a boring twist, means "He's drunk." The right hand held before the lips, three fingers doubled, thumb and little finger erect, varies from "He drinks" to "Have one with me."

To move the open hand over the cheek in imitation of a razor, has reference to the idiom "playing the barber," and means "to flatter."

All four fingers and the thumb held points together and moved toward the mouth means "to eat."

The right hand held before the face, the two middle fingers moving rapidly, is a familiar salutation.

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Light Infantry Athletics.

There is little activity in athletics at the Light Infantry Gymnasium outside of that furnished by the basketball team, and even this feature will be dull during the coming week because the cycle show will occupy the playing field.

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Kendall has developed into one of the most reliable "centres" in the League. He plays clean ball and is at all times cool and uses good judgment in his work.

Much to the regret of his fellow players, Jimmy McQuade, the clever "back" of the team, has retired from the game for the rest of the season as a result of a dislocated collar bone, the effect of a little close blocking in a recent game.

Queer Wheelmen Athletics.

The basketball team of the Queer Wheelmen is somewhat disappointed over the result of the last game with the Infantry which they expected to win, and one of the enthusiasts said: "While the Infantry won it is my opinion that our gingers played outplayed the soldiers, but luck was not on our side. We deserved to win on the merits of the game. Talking about luck, did you see the lucky rebound of Shreve's free throw in the first half and in the second half with the score at 6 to 4 and only three minutes more to play? The ball was directly under the basket and a peculiarly lucky play won for the Infantry." Having delivered himself thusly, the enthusiast went on.

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A complete reorganization of the Queers will take place shortly. A number of applications for membership have already been received. Under the capable management of R. B. Clokey and L. O. Slack, the hustling managers of the basketball team, the club will again assume the high rank it held a few years ago as one of the most progressive bicycle clubs in the city.

It is proposed to tender the basketball team a big banquet at the end of the League season. The honor will be conferred not only for playing such a clever game with all teams, but for the remarkable spirit which turned defeat into victory in the game with the Carrolls.

Mexican Sign Language.

(From Mexico.)

Mexico is a land of many tongues, but above the Indian dialects and Spanish there is one universal language—sign language.

It is the most expressive of all; the Mexican eye and hand are eloquent members. It is capable of infinite variation; its shades and suggestions are beyond all translation. But there are certain gestures that have a fixed meaning, a significance well understood by every nation and every tribe from Guatemala to Texas.

A general upward movement of the body, shoulders shrugged, eyebrows raised, lips pouted and palms outspread, varies in meaning from "I don't know and I don't care" to "I am respectful." Really, sir, I do not understand you."

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Arrangement of Booths and Decorations of the Hall—Souvenirs to Be Distributed.

At 8 o'clock tomorrow evening the doors of the Washington Light Infantry Armory will be thrown open to the public, and the Washington Cycle Show will be introduced to the general population of the city. It can be safely predicted that the character and scope of the show will surprise all who attend. The surprise will be a pleasant one, the scope of the show being of much greater magnitude than one would imagine. It is not only a show of the local dealers, but outside firms as well, and while bicycles will predominate, there will be plenty of sundries and other materials on exhibition.

The past week has been a very busy one for the show people. After all of the preliminary work and the sale of exhibition space the labor of preparing the hall for the show was commenced. The contractor commenced work Thursday morning with a large force of men. His specifications called for the erection of eighty-five stands—fifty-four in the center floor space and thirty-one surrounding the walls of the large place. The work on some of the stands is rather elaborate, being constructed after special plans of the exhibitors. With large numbers of men the contractor was practically able by the close of last evening to finish everything. Some little work yet remains to be done, but that will be completed in plenty of time before the show opens.

A Brilliant Illumination.

The place will be a perfect mass of electric lights, and during the hours of the show will be as bright as sunlight. The hall will be illuminated by several hundred incandescent electric lights. It is expected that there will be about 10,000 lights in the hall. Up to the middle of last week the electrician had received orders from only a limited number of exhibitors, yet had contracts to put in something like 5,000 lights. By the time the other exhibitors are heard from there will probably be double this number.

The decorations will be an important and a hunting feature. The show will be introduced yesterday and will continue up to within a short time before the opening. Each stand is decorated by the exhibitor, and as a result a profusion of pretty things can be looked for. There will be a greater variety of the display than if the decorating was done by one person, the different ideas all tending to improve the appearance of the hall and relieve what ever monotony may exist. With the carpeted floor of the booths, the general decorations, and the electrical display there is absolutely no limit upon the general appearance.

In addition to the decorations of the booths, the hall will be prettily decorated with hunting, feathered flags and pointed plants. The balcony at the north end of the hall will be a regular bower. It will be hidden by flags and bunting, with a mass of potted plants as a background. On this balcony the band will be located. Outside of the balcony the general decorations will be just as effective and as pleasing. A large nor expense being spared in this matter. Strips of bunting will extend all along the walls, producing an effect that will add to the general appearance, and yet not be too gaudy.

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office for the show company. The room adjoining it is reserved as a writing room, tables being prepared and everything furnished for the convenience of those who may need to use the place. Next to the writing room will be the gentlemen's smoking room, and the room adjoining this, in the extreme southwest end of the hall, will be the ladies' room. At the east end of the hall the rooms will be used as storerooms for the exhibitors, where material can be kept to be drawn upon to fill any vacancies that might occur in the exhibits through sales, etc.

Distribution of Souvenirs.

The souvenirs will be an important feature. Many useful and unique things will be distributed to the general public. Advertisements in all shapes and designs will be given with a lavish hand. Catalogues and descriptive circulars will be on hand in abundance, and numerous other little souvenirs.

The fad for collecting catalogues will undoubtedly spring up with the opening of the show and continue as long as it lasts. There seems to be a particular desire on the part of many people to make such collections, partly for souvenirs and partly to read in the hopes of securing knowledge of bicycles.

The music for the occasion will be furnished by the National Guard Band. The band numbers twenty-five pieces, and with a good leader will be in attendance during the week and render music of all kinds, martial and sentimental. The band has secured an excellent reputation, and coupled with its service at Santiago, in the Cuban campaign, is of especial interest.

The exhibition list will show that while perhaps a majority are local dealers, a great many are outside firms with new lines of goods that in some instances have never been introduced in this city. In addition to bicycles, the exhibit of bicycles will be quite large. There will be motorcycles and other moving picture machines, cash registers, electric lights of various descriptions, bicycle shoes, sporting goods, and a number of other things, all of which tend to make the affair the more interesting to the general public.

List of Exhibitors.

The full list of exhibitors up to Friday is as follows:

Stand 1—Blackstone, Bost. Stand 2, 3, and 4—American Motorcycle Company, New York City.

Stand 5, 6, 7, and 8—West End Cycle Company, Bicycles.

Stand 9—Cloves Manufacturing Company, Waterbury, Conn.

Stand 10—Pneumatic Bicycle Hub Company, New York City.

Stand 11 and 12—Jones & Fellows, bicycles and sundries.

Stand 13, 14, and 15—D. Hadger, bicycles and automobiles.

Stand 16, 17, 18, and 19—D. Lasley, Eclipse Bicycles and Hallwood cash registers.

Stand 20—Cycle Repair Company, John Woerner, Jr.

Stand 21 and 22—Cycle Syndicate, of New York City.

Stand 23 and 24—Miller Bros., bicycles and sundries.

Stand 25 and 26—Paul Von Boeckman, Viking Bicycles.